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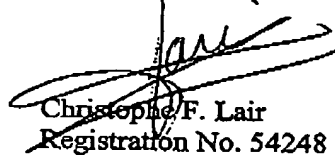
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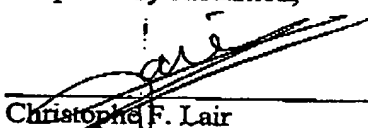
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form that was filed on March 31, 2003. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 stamped by the USPTO is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial, sign and date the references on the attached PTO-1449 form dated March 31, 2003, and return the form to the undersigned.

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Dear Sirs:

I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago by the attached European Search Report dated February 5, 2003.

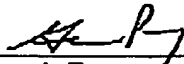
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

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